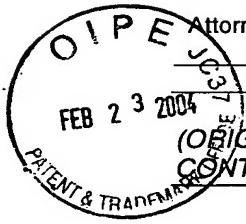


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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

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My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (*if only one name is listed below*) or an original, first and joint inventor (*if plural names are listed below*) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

TITLE OF INVENTION

Body Fluid Absorbing Article

SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

the specification of which: (complete (a), (b) or (c))

- (a) is attached hereto.
- (b) was filed on September 29, 2003 [] Serial No. / 10/675,229
or Express Mail No., as Serial No. not yet known, _____
and was amended on _____(if applicable).

NOTE: Amendments filed after the original papers are deposited with the PTO which contain new matter are not accorded a filing date by being referred to in the declaration. Accordingly, the amendments involved are those filed with the application papers or, in the case of a supplemental declaration, are those amendments claiming matter not encompassed in the original statement of invention or claims. See 37 CFR 1.67.

- (c) was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. PCT/JP01/07941 filed on _____ as amended under PCT Article 19 (1)

on ____ (*if any*).

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code Federal Regulations § 1.56.

[] In compliance with this duty there is attached an information disclosure statement 37 CFR 1.97.

PRIORITY CLAIM

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign applications(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

(*complete (d) or (e)*)

- (d) [] no such applications have been filed.
(e) [x] such applications have been filed as follows.

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COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 37 USC 119
JAPAN	2002-287231	30, September, 2002	[x] YES [] NO
JAPAN	2003-97164	31, March, 2003	[x] YES [] NO
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